

COUNTRY Polish-occupied GermanyTOPIC Barracks Installation North of Liegnitz Airfield

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1. The barracks installation on Immelmannstrasse in Liegnitz (O 52/B 82) was the only installation occupied by Polish troops in the summer of 1950. The installation, which was built prior to 1914, consisted of two 4 or 5-story quartering buildings each about 40 meters long, mess and utilities building, a gymnasium, and garages. The barracks installation on the edge of the airfield, which was constructed after 1933, quartered Soviet Air Force troops.
2. In September 1950, the barracks installation on Immelmannstrasse in Liegnitz, north of the airfield, quartered Polish troops. One four-story barracks building, which was about 100 meters long, was probably built prior to 1914, three more quartering buildings and a mess building were added after 1933. Two of the new buildings were 60 to 70 meters long each, one about 100 meters, and the mess building about 50 meters. The former riding school, a building about 100 meters long, was converted into a garage and tools shed after 1933. Several antenna masts fitted with rod and loop wire antennas were seen on one of the buildings. The Polish soldiers observed there were 20 to 25 years old and probably belonged to a signal unit. They wore fatigue uniforms without insignia or a gray blouse, blue trousers with a yellow stripe, 5 cm wide, and yellow-bordered gray epauletts. The visor caps had yellow pipings and bore the Polish eagle. *

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Comment. The report confirms previous information according to which the barracks installation at Liegnitz airfield quartered exclusively Soviet troops. Only the barracks installation on Immelmannstrasse quartered Polish soldiers. The uniform described in paragraph 2 of the present report is reported for the first time. Due to the frequent changes in the setup of Polish uniforms definite information on the uniforms presently worn by Polish troops is not available. No Polish air force units are believed to be stationed in Liegnitz.

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